

SENATE RESOLUTION 155

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jeff Judkins on his outstanding career in basketball.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize a gentleman who has excelled at every level of basketball and who has expertly coached young women for the past seventeen years, instilling in his players the importance of determination, perseverance, commitment, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Judkins, head coach of the Brigham Young University (BYU) women's basketball team since 2001, epitomizes all that is positive in college athletics; and

WHEREAS, now in his seventeenth season as head coach at BYU, Coach Judkins had compiled a 362-169 record through the 2016-2017 season, finishing last year's campaign with a 20-12 overall record, 13-5 in the West Coast Conference (WCC), as the Cougars received their fourth Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) bid during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Coach Judkins has posted eleven 20-win seasons at BYU and led the Cougars to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including Sweet 16 finishes in 2014 and 2002, and four WNIT postseason tournament appearances, including a trip to the Elite Eight in 2011; and

WHEREAS, he has won three conference regular season titles, 2015-2016 in the WCC and 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 in the Mountain West Conference (MWC), and three conference tournament crowns, 2015 and 2012 in the WCC and 2002 in the MWC; and

WHEREAS, Coach Judkins became BYU women's basketball's all-time winningest coach with his 220th career win on January 12, 2012, when the Cougars defeated Pepperdine; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored as conference Coach of the Year four times, 2015-2016 in the WCC and 2010-2011, 2006-2007, and 2005-2006 in the MWC; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career as a teacher and motivator, he has coached six All-Americans, seven conference players of the year, three conference defensive players of the year, two conference sixth players of the year, forty-nine All-Conference players, four All-Defensive Team honorees and three Newcomer of the Year honorees, and nine players who have been named to conference championship All-Tournament teams, including two tournament MVPs; most impressively, ninety-four of his players have garnered academic citations; and

WHEREAS, prior to his dominant run at BYU, Jeff Judkins was an assistant coach with the University of Utah men's basketball team from 1989-1999 and then joined the BYU women's basketball program as an assistant coach in 2000; and

WHEREAS, a native of Salt Lake City who was named All-State in three sports as a high school athlete, Jeff Judkins was a star basketball player at the University of Utah from 1974-1978, leading the Utes to a conference championship and two berths in the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, deftly balancing athletics and academics while a student athlete at Utah, he was a three-time First Team All-Western Athletic Conference honoree (1976-1978), a Second Team Academic All-American, and a three-time District VII academic selection; he was also a member of the 1977 United States World Games team that captured the gold medal; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Judkins was selected as the thirtieth overall pick in the second round of the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft by the Boston Celtics in 1978, the same year the Celtics selected Larry Bird with the sixth pick overall; and

WHEREAS, he then played four seasons in the NBA, with the Boston Celtics, Portland Trailblazers, Detroit Pistons, and Utah Jazz, before retiring; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Jeff Judkins on

his outstanding career in basketball, recognize his preeminent status as the winningest coach in BYU women's basketball history, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success on the hardwood and in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.